

NURSING ASSISTANT ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

June 9, 2009

The Open Session of the Nursing Assistant Advisory Board was called to order at 8:55 a.m. on the above date in Room 104, Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Michele Carignan

Alice Frezza

Catherine Mainville

M. Jeanne Mason

Caroline Naughton Rumowicz

Marilyn O'Connor

Pattie Petracca

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Ann Altrui

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Donna Valletta, Board Administrator

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Donna Valletta called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m. A quorum was established at this time.

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF May 12, 2009

Donna Valletta presented the Minutes of the Open Session of May 12, 2009. Jeanne Mason noted a discrepancy in the meeting time and establishment of a quorum. On motion of Catherine Mainville, seconded by Marilyn O'Connor, it was voted to accept the minutes with a change to reflect the meeting time and establishment of a

quorum as 9:15 a.m.

3. BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Donna Valletta informed the Board that on June 1, 2009, Pamela McCue, Mary Ann Altrui and she met with Mona Dorsinville to discuss International School of Health Careers' Nursing Assistant Training Program. The Department has requested documentation to update the application filing. Catherine Mainville expressed concern with the time period from completion of training program to test date.

Donna Valletta advised the Board that she received preliminary information from Pearson VUE regarding trended data for National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAP) for calendar years 2007, 2008 and first quarter 2009. She requested the reports to be compiled and validated once again as there appeared to be discrepancies in the data. Catherine Mainville and Marilyn O'Connor confirmed that Pearson VUE sends quarterly report data directly to the individual training programs and the data seemed to be accurate.

Donna Valletta advised the Board once again that she and Pam McCue are cognizant of the need to revise the rules and regulations. Caroline Naughton Rumowicz remains concerned that our current rules and regulations do not extend jurisdiction to individuals performing private duty nursing.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donna Valletta informed the Board that she and Pam McCue would be reviewing the Advisory Board requirements to ensure Board member appointments comply with the rules and regulations. Donna requested members to notify her if they are or are not interested in continuing with their appointment, as applicable

5. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Catherine Mainville, seconded by Jeanne Mason, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

The Open Session adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Donna Valletta

Board Administrator